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## POOL REPORT

## ON START OF HEAD TO HEAD MEETING

(BOB SCHIEFFER, CBS NEWS): There were several quotes and we were back over where it was almost impossible to hear really. About the only quote I heard was at one point the President turned to the President of France and said, "Next Sunday we will be leaving to go skiing in the mountains," but he said -- these are not direct quotes -- "That depends on whether the Congress lets out or not." Then he said something to the effect, "We don't know for sure."

Then Ron brought over a lady photographer who is a member of the French press office and introduced her to Secretary of State Kissinger. Her first name was Nicole. They just shook hands. The reason for that, I have just been told by a source here in the United States press office is that Henry had met this young lady before and he said he was going to trade her for Nesson, so Nesson brought her over to be introduced to the President. We have no information on the trade.

(TOM DeFRANK, NEWSWEEK): As far as we could tell, the individuals in the meeting -- President Ford was on President Giscard's right. On President Ford's right was Secretary Kissinger and General Scowcroft. On President Giscard's left was the French Foreign Minister and I believe an interpreter; one other individual we did not get the name.

When I got there President Ford was talking about Mother Seton who is going to be canonized by the Catholic Church next week. I have the President saying to President Giscard something about "this American woman who was just canonized last week"; some conversation about Mother Elizabeth Seton.

At this point the photographers began closing in and the President turned to President Giscard and said, "We will end up in the flower pots if we are not careful."

At this point President Giscard motioned to Kissinger to move closer in so he could get into the picture also because he was far away. Kissinger scooted over in his chair to get closer in the picture.

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The President was wearing a gray suit with black loafers with tassels on them. President Ford then said to President Giscard -- and this is pretty much a direct quote -- "I was kidding some of our American correspondents yesterday that next week on Sunday we will be leaving for the mountains to go skiing." And then, as Bob said, he qualified that by saying, "If Congress lets out."

At that point, Kissinger saw Mademoiselle Nicole -- I am told by Helen her last name is spelled Seguin -- Seguin as in Seguin, Texas.

But Kissinger said, "I think we should trade Nessen for a draft choice." And Nicole came over at this point and was introduced to the President. Then President Ford turned to President Giscard and said, "We just decided we will trade your press secretary for mine."

President Giscard said, "She is not my press secretary." It turns out she works in the press office but is not the chief spokesman for the President.

At that point, we were ushered out. Also at that point, someone who apparently ranks above her in the press office got her by the elbow and eased her out.

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